

Lakewood Lookout

Remembering the Summer



Wrens Love our Blue Bird Boxes

In mid June we tried to clean out the Bluebird boxes at the garden but the boxes were occupied by tree swallows. We tried again in mid July but this time one was empty and two of the others had a wrens just ready to begin new families.

The wrens are small for these boxes so they cram them full of twigs up to the level of the entry holes for their 7-8 hatchlings. Next time you are at the garden or around the field bed watch for wrens and listen to their constant chattering call. The vacancy rate is low for some abodes in Lakewood!

Joan & Don McIlraith



Monarchs

We've seen more Monarchs this summer than ever before.

Thanks to the "Asclepia Incarnata" plant that many of us now have in our gardens.

Dave Barrow



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CAUTION

Deer

Hunting

Season:

Nov 1-5

Stay Safe Be Carefull!



Looking Ahead ...

Community Turkey Dinner

Saturday, Dec.4, 2010

4:30-6:30 pm
at Bethel Church

Tickets: \$7.00 ea.

All ticket sales, donations go directly to local chosen charities



How our garden grows!

Most of the community garden was reasonably bountiful this season, with the help of an early spring, a long, hot summer and adequate rainfall.

Here, Julie D'Arcangelo, who along with helpmate Claudio is one of the most avid and successful of our gardeners, checks out some lush squash plants grown by those other green-thumbers, Don and Joan McIlraith.

Thanks for the photo Don.



Joan thought she had somehow produced a new breed of veggie when the garlic she planted (centre of this photo) was not maturing and only a couple started producing scapes – those long stems topped by a seedhead. They resembled Julie's leeks, seen here growing to the right of Joan's mystery plant, but greener, compared with the more bluish leeks. Was this a cross between garlic and leeks? Garleeks??!!

Joan pulled one and hied off to Patrick Lima at his celebrated Larkwhistle gardens, who peeled away layers of thick skin before finding very small bulbs – yes, of garlic. She'd planted a variety she hadn't tried before and will leave it in the ground till next year to see how it develops.



And so we get to this warped creature – a squished squash! Pat Nichol's butternut got caught trying to escape the garden patch and now awaits its fate of getting sliced in two before it can be harvested.

Can anything beat the taste of produce picked fresh from your own garden? If anyone wants to try their hand at it and join us next year, please call me

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